

## Message Text

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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT-POSTAL SYSTEM

REF: STATE 309466

1. EMBOFF CONTACTED MR. ANGEL CIRO GUERRERO, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS, AND MR. GONZALO PLAZA, DIRECTOR OF POSTAL SERVICES, OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, REGARDING INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL. OFFICIALS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT PROPOSAL TO CREATE POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH INSTITUTE, WHICH WOULD SERVE AS CONTROLLING AGENCY FOR MODERNIZATION AND AUTOMATION OF POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH SERVICES IN VENEZUELA, IS NOW UNDER STUDY BY VENEZUELAN LEGISLATURE. OFFICIALS SEEMED OPTIMISTIC REGARDING ENACTMENT OF PROPOSAL. THEY THOUGHT SUCH APPROVAL MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING DURING FIRST QUARTER OF CY1977. POST NOW ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN COPY OF PROPOSAL.

2. MINCOM OFFICIALS INFORMED EMBOFF THAT VENEZUELA PARTICIPATES REGULARLY IN WORLD POSTAL UNION AUTOMATION CONGRESS. VENEZUELAN MINCOM OFFICIALS WHO HAVE ATTENDED RECENT CONGRESSES ARE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH POSTAL AUTOMATION SYSTEMS OFFERED BY WEST GERMANY AND JAPAN. MR. PLAZA BELIEVES VENEZUELA WILL PROBABLY ADOPT EITHER WEST GERMAN OR JAPANESE SYSTEM FOR USE IN THIS COUNTRY. NEVERTHELESS, HE THINKS U.S.-MADE CONVEYOR BELTS AND OTHER MATERIALS HANDLING EQUIPMENT WILL HAVE MARKET IN VENEZUELA WHEN AUTOMATION SYSTEM IS IMPLEMENTED.  
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3. MINCOM OFFICIALS POINTED OUT GOV HAS CALLED FOR INVESTMENT OF APPROXIMATELY \$46.5 MILLION FOR MODERNIZATION AND AUTOMATION OF POSTAL SERVICES AS PART OF COUNTRY'S FIFTH NATIONAL PLAN (1976-1980).

4. EMBASSY COULD OBTAIN NO INFORMATION REGARDING LINK BETWEEN  
MR. PULIDO AND VICE MINISTER.  
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